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- g. The Environmental Protection Agency said that the latest emission standards (motorcycle exhaust) are totally metric. The majority of standards, regulations, and guidelines are in dual units.
- h. The Export-Import Bank reported that metrification would have very little impact in its operations and areas of interest.
- i. The Federal Energy Administration is currently preparing a handbook of tables and conversion factors for combining and comparing international energy data.
- j. The Federal Maritime Commission said that it has always accepted metric units, as well as customary. To allow for further conversion, a review of FMC's rules has been undertaken to determine what changes will be necessary to effect full conversion.
- k. The Federal Reserve System is observing developments concerning metrification rather than developing programs.
- l. The General Services Administration has developed a video-tape briefing that will be used to educate all GSA personnel.
- m. The Government Printing Office said that the rate at which GPO converts is tied to a large degree to how rapidly both printers and the paper industry respond to metric conversion. Thus far GPO has been an active member of the Printing Industries of America Metrification Committee, established an in-house metric committee, conducted in-house educational programs, converted press sizes from inches to centimeters, and put dual dimensioning on drawings and paper weight specifications.
- n. The National Labor Relations Board has determined that the significant impact of metrification for the Board lies in the area of Federal procurement standards and policies.
- o. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is actively participating in ANMC's Power Generation Sector.
- p. The U.S. Information Agency reported that many USIA employees are familiar with and work with metric units.
- q. The U.S. International Trade Commission has appointed metric representatives in its six commodity divisions to keep current awareness of metrification activities and their impacts.

Attached is a list of the proposed divisions and those agencies which expressed an interest in each of the divisions. Also listed are other divisions which were suggested by the respondents.

Attachments

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Synopsis of Formal Agency Metric Policy Statement - March 1977

Department of Defense

A Department of Defense Directive dated December 10, 1976, and entitled "Use of the Metric System of Measurement" establishes policies for the use of the metric system of measurement in the DoD. The policies appear to be much more detailed than those of any other agency. The two most important policy statements seem to be:

- A. The Department of Defense will consider the use of the metric system in all of its activities consistent with operational, economical, technical, and safety requirements.
- B. The metric system will be considered for use in all new designs. When it is deemed not to be in the best interest of the DoD to provide metric design, justification shall be provided. Further, it will be considered in the procurement of all supplies and services.

Civil Aeronautics Board

The CAB issued a press release June 18, 1976, (CAB 76-89) announcing that it would include metric conversion tables in its major statistical publications. Board publications which will include metric conversion tables are:

Air Carrier Traffic Statistics
Quarterly Interim Financial Report
Airport Activity Statistics ..
Handbook of Airline Statistics
Aircraft Operating Cost and Performance Report
Domestic Jet Trends
Trends in All-Cargo Service
Wide-Bodied Jet Aircraft Operating Cost and Performance Report
Airline Industry Economic Report
Airfreight Forwarder Economic Report
Freight Loss and Damage.

Federal Communications Commission

The FCC issued a Public Notice dated August 3, 1976, announcing a program to facilitate development and use of a single system of units in the FCC rules. Metric units will be used in all new and amended rules. Metric units will also be used on all applications, after complete conversion to metric units in the rules is accomplished. In the interim, the measurement system that is used in the relevant rules when filing an application should be used.

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Proposed Divisions and Expressed Agency Interest

CONSTRUCTION

Department of Agriculture
Department of Defense
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of the Interior
Department of Transportation
Central Intelligence Agency
Energy Research and Development Administration
Environmental Protection Agency
General Services Administration
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Office of Technology Assessment
Tennessee Valley Authority
U.S. Information Agency
U.S. Postal Service
Veterans Administration

CONSUMER

Department of Agriculture
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of Labor
Community Services Administration
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Energy Administration
Federal Power Commission
Federal Trade Commission
Office of Technology Assessment
Tennessee Valley Authority
U.S. International Trade Commission

AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING

Department of Defense
Department of Labor
Community Services Administration
Federal Communications Commission
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Office of Technology Assessment
Tennessee Valley Authority
U.S. Information Agency
U.S. Postal Service

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PROCUREMENT

Department of Defense
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of the Interior
Central Intelligence Agency
Energy Research and Development Administration
General Services Administration
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Labor Relations Board
Office of Technology Assessment
Small Business Administration
Tennessee Valley Authority
U.S. Information Agency
U.S. Postal Service
Veterans Administration

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture
Department of Defense
Department of Labor
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Energy Administration
Federal Power Commission
Office of Technology Assessment
Tennessee Valley Authority
U.S. Postal Service

OTHER

Antitrust - Federal Trade Commission
Computer - General Services Administration
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Domestic Production and Consumption - U.S. International Trade Commission
Exports and Imports - U.S. International Trade Commission
Finance and Banking - Federal Reserve System
Medical - Veterans Administration
Museum Programs - Smithsonian Institution
Printing - Government Printing Office
Problems of the Poor - Community Services Administration
Record Maintenance - General Services Administration
Small Business - Small Business Administration

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Agency_____

Coordinator_____

Date_____

1. Does your agency have a formal policy on metric use? Yes____ No____

If yes, please include copy with questionnaire.

If not, is your agency working on one? Yes____ No____

2. Does your agency have a formal structure set up to deal with metric conversion? Yes____ No____

If yes, please include description.

If not, is your agency establishing one? Yes____ No____

3. Does your agency have a metric conversion plan? Yes____ No____

If yes, please include.

If not, is your agency working on one? Yes____ No____

4. Please describe any newsworthy metric conversion activities in which your agency has been involved.

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5. Which of the following sectors does your agency have a significant interest in (sectors which may be affected by metric conversion)?

____ Consumer

____ Public Information

____ Legislation, Regulation, Legal

____ Procurement

____ Transportation

____ Construction

____ Fuel and Power

____ Education and Training

____ Metric Practice and Preferred Units

____ Other (please identify)

6. Identify other Federal agencies which you believe would be significantly affected by metric conversion actions your agency would take within the sectors you have checked under question 5.